



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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RE: MUR 5045 (Buchanan for President,
Inc., and Angela M. Buchanan, as
treasurer; Patrick J. Buchanan)

Dear Mr. Duffy:

On July 11, 2000, the Federal Election Commission found that there is reason to believe that your clients, Buchanan for President, Inc. ("the Committee") and Angela M. Buchanan, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f), 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(8), and 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(3)(A), provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). Furthermore, the Commission found that there is reason to believe that your client, Mr. Patrick J. Buchanan, violated 26 U.S.C. § 9035(a), a provision of Chapters 95 and 96 of Title 26, U.S. Code. However, after considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission determined on November 28, 2000, to take no further action against the Committee and Angela M. Buchanan, as treasurer, with respect to 2 U.S.C. § 441a(f). At your request, on November 28, 2000, the Commission also determined to enter into negotiations with the Committee regarding 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(8), and 2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(3)(A), and with Mr. Buchanan regarding 26 U.S.C. § 9035(a), directed towards reaching conciliation agreements in settlement of this matter prior to a finding of probable cause to believe.

Enclosed are conciliation agreements that the Commission has approved in settlement of this matter. If your clients agree with the provisions of the enclosed agreements, please sign and return them, along with the civil penalties, to the Commission. In light of the fact that conciliation negotiations, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, are limited to a maximum of 30 days, you should respond to this notification as soon as possible.

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